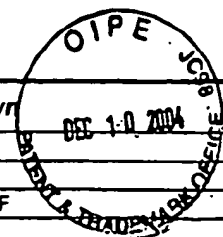


IDS Form PTO/SB/08: Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Application Number	10/617,693
				Filing Date	July 14, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Frank W. RATLIFF
				Art Unit	3744
				Examiner Name	C. Jiang
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	08726.0018-00



U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
CJ		US-2,411,347	11-19-1946	Trumpler	
CJ		US-5,761,921	06-09-1998	Hori et al.	
CJ		US-6,581,384 B1	06-24-2003	Benson	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
CJ		DE 198 13 220 A1	09-30-1999	Germany		
CJ		FR 2 457 468	12-19-1980	France		
CJ		JP 57-122109	07-29-1982	Japan		Abstract
CJ		JP 61-96370	05-15-1986	Japan		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation <sup>6</sup>
CJ		International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US2004/020664, November 26, 2004.	
CJ		Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, November 26, 2004.	

Examiner Signature	<i>1/21/05</i>	Date Considered	CJ
--------------------	----------------	-----------------	----

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.